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Serial No. 08/271,882 Examiner: Marschel Art Unit: 1807

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FILING UNDER 37 CFR § 1.53(b)

This is a request for filing for a

Continuation divisional continuation-in-part (CIP)

application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No.08/271,882

assigned filed on July 7, 1994, which will issue as U.S. Patent No. 6,017,696 on

Michael J. HELLER; Eugene TU; Glen A. EVANS; and Ronald G. SOSNOWSKI, entitled:

## METHODS FOR ELECTRONIC STRINGENCY CONTROL FOR MOLECULAR BIOLOGICAL ANALYSIS AND DIAGNOSTICS

<u>For CONTINUATION or DIVISION APPS only</u>: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied, referenced above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference. The incorporation <u>can only</u> be relied upon when a portion has been inadvertently omitted from the submitted application parts.

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١.	APPL	LICATION ELEMENTS ENC	LOSED							
	103	Page(s) of Written Description								
	16	Page(s) of Claims								
	1	Page(s) of Abstract								
	20	Sheet(s) of Drawings	ormal [			info	rmal			
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		An Information Disclosu	ire Stater	ment,	PTO	1449,		ith co	pies of ci	ted items
		A Verified Statement to								
	لــا	Is attached. Has been	en filed i	in the	prior	appli	cation	and su	ich status	is still
		proper and desired. [37								
11.	FEE	CALCULATION								
•		BASIC FILING F	EE:							\$690.00
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111.	PRIC	ORITY - 35 USC § 119								
		Priority of application S under 35 USC § 119.	erial No	•	file	ed on .		in <u>Co</u>	untry is c	laimed
		The certified copy has b	oeen file	d in p	rior U	J.S. ap	plicati	on Ser	rial No	on
		The certified copy will	follow.							

	IV.	AMEN	IDMENTS
•			Cancel in this application original Claims <u>1-81 and 92-94</u> of the prior application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes if no new claims are added in a preliminary amendment.)
			A Preliminary Amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by Amendment must be numbered consecutively beginning with the number next following the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
	٧.	RELA	TE BACK - 35 USC § 120
W. S.	B		Relate back information included in preliminary amendment or specification.
0,2,12.03		$\boxtimes$	Please amend the specification as follows:
		(S)	This application is a continuation of Application Serial No. 08/271,882, filed 7, 1994, entitled "Methods For Electronic Stringency Control For Molecular Biological Analysis And Diagnostics (As Amended)," issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,017,696 on January 25, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of Serial No. 07/146,504, filed 1, 1993, entitled "Active Programmable Electronic Devices for Molecular Biological Analysis and Diagnostics," now U.S. Patent No. 5,605,662.
UT u		$\boxtimes$	With respect to the prior co-pending U.S. application from which this application claims benefit under 35 USC § 120, the inventor(s) in this application is (are) [37 CFR 1.53(b)(1)]:
			the same.
			less than those named in the prior application and it is requested that the following inventor(s) identified above for the prior application be deleted [see 37 CFR §§1.33(b) AND 1.63(d)(2)]:
•			[Name(s) of inventor(s) to be deleted]
	VI.	FEE P	AYMENT BEING MADE AT THIS TIME
•			Not attached. No filing fee is submitted. [This and the surcharge required by 37 CFR § 1.16(e) can be paid subsequently.]
		$\boxtimes$	Attached.
			Filing fees.  Recording assignment. [\$40.00 37 CFR § 1.21(h)(1)]  Petition fee for filing by other than all the inventors or person on behalf of the inventor where inventor refused to sign or cannot be reached.  [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.47 and 1.17(h)]

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		Petition fee to Suspend Prosecution for the Time Necessary to File an Amendment (New Application Filed Concurrently.)  [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.103 and 1.17(i)]	-	
		For processing an application with a specification in a non-English language.  [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.52(d) and 1.17(k)]	-	
		Processing and retention fee.  [\$130.00; 37 CFR §§ 1.52(t) and 1.17(k)]  Total Fees Enclosed \$69	- 90	
VII.	METI	HOD OF PAYMENT OF FEES		
		Attached is a check in the amount of		
	$\boxtimes$	Charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 in the amount of	<u>\$690.00</u> .	
VIII.	AUT	HORIZATION TO CHARGE ADDITIONAL FEES		
	The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. 12-2475 for any over payment of fees and to charge the following additional fees by this paper and during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 12-2475:			
	$\boxtimes$	37 CFR § 1.16 (Filing fees and excess claims fees)		
	$\boxtimes$	37 CFR § 1.17 (Application processing fees)		
		37 CFR § 1.18 (Issue fee at or before mailing of Notice of Allowance, to 37 CFR § 1.311(b))	pursuant	
		37 CFR § 1.21 (Assignment recordation fees)		
IX.	POW	VER OF ATTORNEY & CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS		
	$\boxtimes$	The power appears in the original papers in the prior application.		
		The power does not appear in the original papers, but was filed on prior application Serial No	in	
		A new power has been executed and is attached.		

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Χ.	MAINTENANCE OF CO-PENDENCY OF PRIOR APPLICATION				
		A petition, fee and response has been filed to extend the term in the pending <b>prior</b> application until A copy of the petition for extension of time in the <b>prior</b> application is attached.			
		A conditional petition for extension of time is being filed in the pending <b>prior</b> application. A copy of the conditional petition for extension of time in the <b>prior</b> application is attached.			
XI.	XI. ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION				
		Please abandon the prior application at a time while the prior application is pending or when the petition for extension of time or to revive in that application is granted and when this application is granted a filing date so as to make this application co-pending with said prior application. At the same time, please add the words "now abandoned" to the amendment of the specification set forth in Item V above.			
		Respectfully submitted,			
		LYON & LYON LLP			
Dated	: <u>Janu</u>	ary 23, 2000  By: David B. Murphy  Reg. No. 31,125			
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